

REMARKS

Claims 2-13, 15-24, and 31-32 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner with Claims 1 and 14 standing cancelled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 31 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

By the instant amendment, Claims 31 and 32 have been amended to take into consideration the helpful comments of the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 31 and 32 are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention.

Turning now to the art rejections, Claims 1 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silfvast in view of Goff; and Claims 3 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Silfvast and Goff.

The cancellation of Claims 1 and 14 and the amendment of Claims 3 and 15 to depend from an allowable claim obviates the rejection of these claims.

Applicants appreciate the indication that if Claims 2, 4-13, and 16-24 were rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, these claims would be allowable.

By the instant amendment, the appropriate claims have been placed in independent form and the rejected Claims 3 and 15 have been amended to depend from these claims.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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